

Mickleton Friends School

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East Greenwich Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey

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Owner: The Upper Greenwich Meeting

Date of Erection: Original brick unit, 1809-'10;
Frame addition, 1870-'77

Architect:

Builder: Upper Greenwich Meeting

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, wood shingles

Historical Data:

The building was started on January 5, 1809 and completed on January 16, 1810. The land was given by Samuel Tonkin and Samuel Nickle. Samuel Ball, Thomas Clark, Josiah Stokes, William Rockett, and William Haines were the trustees appointed. George Nichol was the first teacher.

Mr. William H. Borden, of Mickleton, now in his eighties writes that "The school was known as the Upper Greenwich Friends' School until about 1865 when there was a post office established here, and the place was called Mickleton!" According to the meeting records the building cost \$565.25. When the building was completed Mr. Borden further says "A large ten plate wood stove was placed in the center of the floor, and the old stove held its place for eighty years and was in good keeping when it was abandon." The building was used as a Friends school or under the care of Friends up until 1900. After that it was leased to the Board of Education. The Y. M. C. A. since that time has held occasional meetings there.

The brick building is 27 by 33 and the frame addition is about 16 by 18. Mr. Borden states that "the clay for the brick used was made in a half mile of the building."

Bibliography:

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